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## MESSINGER'S, Alma

Men's and Ladies' Garments Cleaned, Repaired or Altered

J. Berman went to Bay City, on business, Monday morning.  
 Mrs. W. A. Tuttle will spend the week end the guest of friends in Durand.

John Wright was in Detroit, on business, last week, returning Saturday noon.

C. W. Chadwick of Ann Arbor, was in Alma, visiting friends, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.

Miss Marion Solmsiey who has been spending the past month in Ypsilanti attending the normal and in Detroit, visiting friends, returned to her home Saturday noon.

Madame Schramm of Bay City, who has been the guest of Miss Leontine Messinger, during a part of the Chautauqua week, returned to her home Monday morning.

Paul Austin of Monroe, a 1915 graduate of the college, who is traveling with the Redpath Chautauqua, spent Sunday in Alma, a guest at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Cook.

Postmaster V. P. Cash, who has been spending a few days at his boyhood home near Manchester, Michigan, returned Monday. He met several friends of his boyhood, there.

Architect E. M. Wood, has been in Onkema, for the past two weeks making estimates and plans for a new school house to be built in that place. The town is located north of Manistique.

Rex Allen who has been employed in Fred Slater's store for the past six months, returned to his home in Wheeler, Saturday afternoon. He has accepted a position in Flint and will take up his new duties the first of September.

Mrs. Floyd Glass and daughter Miss Betty went to Mass Lake, the fore part of this week, to spend the remainder of the vacation at their cottage there. Her husband will join her during the week ends.

Robert Nostein who has been selling books and pitching hay in the wilds of northern Indiana for the past two months returned home, Monday evening to spend the remainder of the vacation at his parents' home on Philadelphia avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knudson went to Saginaw, Monday morning, to bring back their small son Stanley who was taken to Saginaw General Hospital, for treatment, a week ago. The young man is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Soule who with their little son Robert have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Soule and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Messinger, for the past month, returned to their home in Baltimore, Monday morning.

O. W. Hedges for the past three years head of the English department in the Erie High School, Erie, Pa., and who has been selected by the Board of Trustees of the college for the professorship of English was in the city Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Bishop C. I. Wood returned from Sunfield, Monday morning, where he has been conducting a conference of United Brethren church pastors. About thirty ministers from all over Michigan have been attending the conference. At the Sunday meeting over which the Bishop presided there were over fifteen hundred present. Next Sunday he will preside over the conference of the ministers from the northern counties of Ohio, at Assembly park. During the following week he will conduct a similar gathering in Pennsylvania.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma, Mich., August 16th 1915.  
 Advertised list for week ending August 15th, 1915.

Frank Ankney,  
 Julia Bushard,  
 Miss Elcina Carveth,  
 Mr. Griswold,  
 E. D. Mills,  
 J. K. Wilson.

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, August 30th, 1915.

V. P. Cash, Postmaster.

### PLANTING FISH IN PINE RIVER

Through the efforts of several Alma business men the National Fish Commission at Washington, have sent to this city one hundred thousand wide mouthed black bass to be planted in Pine River. The requisition for these fish was made about a year ago. John Chick will superintend their planting. This is the first time in a good many years that fish have been planted in the Pine at this point. It will take about three years for these fish to reach a suitable size.

Requisition has also been made for one hundred thousand wall eyed pike, but it will probably be some time before this consignment is sent here.

The wide mouthed black bass which will be planted immediately are between two and three inches long. They must be placed in shallow water where the river bed is sandy. None of them will be placed at any point lower than Scott's bridge.



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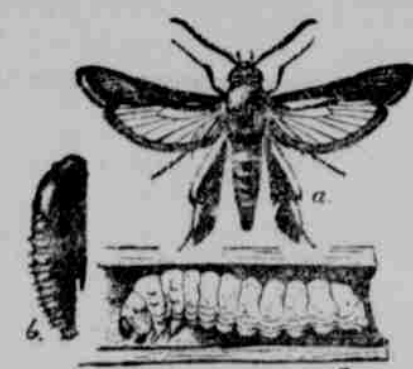
## Farm and Garden

### THE SQUASH VINE BORER.

Often Causes Death to Squashes, Pumpkins and Muskmelons.  
 (Prepared by the United States department of agriculture.)

The squash vine borer is an insect which is often responsible for the death of the squash, pumpkin, muskmelon, cucumber and gourd vines. The pest prefers, however, the squash and pumpkin vines. It is not easy to tell just what is affecting the vines at first when they wilt and die down, but in a short time the presence of the borer may be detected by the yellowish excrement, or "frass," which they force from their burrows in the stems. Later natural rot appears at the affected joints and the stems or leaves become severed.

The larvae bore through the stems from the roots to the base of the plant, and through the leaf stalks. In fact, the young larvae may be found in the larger veins of the plants and not infrequently in the vegetables themselves. The Hubbard squash, marrow cypplings and other late varieties of squash often suffer the greatest injury from the squash vine borer, and the devastations are likely to be more



A, SQUASH VINE BORER; B, FULL GROWN LARVA

severely felt in the small gardens than where large crops are grown for the market.

Not infrequently crops are lost year after year where the ground is successively planted to pumpkins, squashes or other crops which the borers infest. The insect is exceedingly difficult to control in that ordinary insecticides and repellents are practically useless. Since the insect passes the winter in the fields which it has ravaged, the ground should not be replanted the succeeding year to the crops on which the larvae live.

Good results have often been obtained by planting as a trap crop as early as possible a few summer squashes, such as crook neck and early cypplings, before and between the rows of the main crop of late varieties. The summer squashes attract the borers in such numbers as to leave a much smaller number to deal with upon the late or main crop. As soon as the early crop is harvested, or earlier if the ground is needed for the main crop, the summer squashes and vines are raked up and burned to destroy all larvae which they may harbor. The same treatment is followed after gathering the late varieties. This method has proved profitable where used in New Jersey and should produce good results farther north. In the south, however, where well defined broods of borers appear, it may not be so efficient, but is at least worthy of a thorough test.

The borer may be greatly reduced in numbers by lightly harrowing the surfaces of the infested fields in the fall so as to bring the cocoons to the surface, where they will be exposed to the elements, and then plowing in the spring to a uniform depth of at least six inches so that the adults will not be able to come to the surface of the soil.

Another cultural method which tends to keep down the damage done by the borer is to keep a small part of the vines after they have attained some length covered with earth so that the secondary roots will be sent out to support the plants in case the main root is injured by the borer. Still another aid is keeping the plants in good condition, free from other insects and disease, and well nourished. When the vines are so badly infested as to be incapable of bearing fruit they usually die at once and should promptly be taken off the field and burned. As soon as the crop is dead the old vines should also be destroyed.

The old time remedy of cutting the borers out of the vines, although laborious, is useful. It is the only method open for employment after the borers have entered the vines. A sharp knife is used, and the cut made lengthwise of the vine. As several individuals often infest a single vine, it is best to cut lengthwise, so as not to sever the vine from the root stalk. The wound will heal more quickly if covered with moist soil. The location of the borer in the vine may be readily detected by the accumulation of yellow "frass," or excrement, at the point where it is working.

**Spray For the Onion Maggot.**  
 The onion maggot, which does a lot of mischief, may be fought with a new spray compounded to kill the fly which lays the eggs from which the maggots come. This spray should be applied before the maggots appear, with a coarse sprayer. The mixture consists of one pint of New Orleans molasses, one-sixth of an ounce of sodium arsenite and one gallon of water.

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### LOCAL NEWS

Harry Stevens of Breckenridge, spent Monday in Alma, visiting friends.

Mrs. W. S. Wright of Saginaw, was in Alma, visiting friends the fore part of this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Brainerd spent Sunday and Monday visiting their daughter in Holly.

John Gaffney drove to Lansing, Monday afternoon, returning by train Tuesday noon.

Mark Spinney returned Saturday, from a two weeks' visit with friends in East Tawas.

Kirk Wilcox of Hastings is spending a few days the guest of his uncle Chester Benedict.

Clarence Goodrich of Ithaca spent Sunday at the home of Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sawkins went to Cleveland, Tuesday morning, to spend two weeks visiting friends.

Little Miss Gusta Nichols of Flint, returned to her home after spending two weeks at the home of Mrs. W. A. Tuttle.

Mrs. Harry Cohen went to Farwell, Tuesday morning, to spend a few days on her husband's farm, near that town.

Lamont Wood who lives three miles south of Alma accidentally cut off one of his toes while chopping wood, Monday evening.

Rowley Dorne of Ithaca, is working in the Burton & Hamilton barber shop, this week in the absence of Charles Burton.

A. G. Letich, manager of the Gratiot County Gas Company, spent the latter part of last week in Detroit, on a short vacation.

Miss Nellie Stoughton, a teacher in the public schools of Duluth, spent the week of Chautauqua, as the guest of Mrs. W. A. Tuttle.

W. W. Cushing, who has been attending the races at Grand Rapids, for the past week, returned to his home in Alma, Monday evening.

Rev. Frank J. Jackson, went to Saginaw, Monday morning, to visit his wife who recently underwent an operation at Saginaw General Hospital.

Miss Gertrude Hunt, an instructor in one of the Lansing schools, has been spending Chautauqua week, the guest of Miss Grace Allen, on State street.

Bert Reynolds, C. M. Johnson, and Frank Wearman of Breckenridge, went to Detroit, Tuesday afternoon, to bring back all the Fords that they can carry.

Last week was one of the big ones for the Ford agency. During the short space of seven days orders for fifteen cars were accepted and the cars delivered. At the same time this agency sold six Overland cars. All of the other auto dealers report a big business. The Studebaker agency is behind its orders by twelve cars but with the 1916 cars on hand will soon be able to fill these.